

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

of the

LIME ROCK FIRE DISTRICT, INC., 1085 Great Road, Lincoln RI 02865

Held June 14, 2011

CALL OF THE MEETING:

Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m., June 14, 2011.

Present: Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr., Mr. Paul Harrison, Mr. James A. Fredrikson (late arrival), Chief Frank M. Sylvester, Assistant Chief Arthur Jacques, Office Manager/Tax Collector Ms. Lesley A. Heaton, Treasurer Ms. Christine E. Wood, and a few firefighters.

Absent: Mr. Mark Krieger

MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2011 MEETING:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to accept the Minutes of the May 10, 2011 meeting. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No one signed up for Public Input.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to accept the Chief's Report.

Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion.

Mr. Rivet congratulated FFs Wilbour and Williams on their academic accomplishments.

Following discussion it was decided that FF Robert Walker III would take the EMT-B program with Mr. Blais, receive strong encouragement, and be re-assessed in ninety days.

Mr. Rivet questioned the number of EMT runs as written in Deputy Chief Tucker's report. He asked to have the Deputy clarify the figures.

Chief Sylvester advised the Board he had recently learned that the Liz Claiborne building had been sold to Dennison Pharmaceutical. The change would bring in 100 new jobs.

The Chief's Report was then accepted with all Commissioners in agreement.

The Commissioners were all in agreement that Deputy Chief Tucker should receive \$250 for all the snowplowing he did over the winter. Likewise they agreed that Firefighter Gonsalves should receive \$150.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report as presented. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion.

With a large number of collection fees tied to late motor vehicle payments, the Board asked Ms. Heaton to re-assess use of the State bulk mailing of bills. She was asked to look into a quality folding machine so she could group bills for mailing.

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When reviewing the Annual Meeting Notice, Mr. Rivet stated that it was not necessary to get voter approval to withdraw funds from the Building Sinking Fund. Upon reviewing the By-Laws it was decided approval was only necessary for funds coming out of the Equipment Sinking Fund. The Treasurer advised that the Building Sinking Funds were in a certificate of deposit. She would check on the maturity date.

With no further discussion, the Tax Collector's Report was accepted with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to approve the abatements presented in the amount of \$50. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to approve the refunds presented in the amount of \$421. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion.

The Treasurer’s Report was accepted with all Commissioners in agreement.

BILLS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Payroll Expenses:	dated 05/06/11-06/08/11 in the amount of \$136,784.07
Interim Expenses:	dated 05/07/11-06/08/11 in the amount of \$ 93,418.11
Non-Budgetary Interim Expenses:	dated 04/07/11-06/08/11 in the amount of \$ 22,985.37
Bills for Initial Approval:	dated 06/09/11-06/09/11 in the amount of \$ 3,443.54
Non-Budgetary Initial Expenses:	dated 06/09/11-06/09/11 in the amount of \$ 777.75

Total: \$257,408.84

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to approve the Bills Submitted for Approval in the amount of \$257,408.84. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. McColl Field Plan Review Fee

Ms. Wood advised the Board that she had sent an invoice to Mr. Cioffi at McColl Field for the plan review fee. She would send out a 30 day past due statement.

Chief Sylvester noted that a certificate of occupancy would not be issued until the fee was received.

2. Cell Tower Proposal

Ms. Wood stated no word had been received from the representative from Global, perhaps because she had told him that the details of our existing contract could not be revealed by order of the Board. Subsequently an introductory letter was received from a different representative from Global.

3. Collection Fee

The Treasurer was asked to place “Collection Fees” on the Agenda for July.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Health Insurance – Opt Out versus Coverage

Following discussion Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to defer the question of covering a spouse when the employee had chosen opt out payments to legal counsel. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

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2. Job Replacement/Treasurer Position

There was discussion regarding changes to the two positions in the office to effect one part-time job and one full-time. It was agreed further consideration was needed.

It was decided to advertise the position on-line.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Treasurer read a thank you letter from Mr. Alvin Tucker. He praised the cooperation he always receives from the Tax Collector and Treasurer when performing the internal audit.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to adjourn. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in

agreement. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine E. Wood
Secretary

Recording

cc: R. Rivet, M. Krieger, C. Turner, P. Harrison, J. Fredrikson, file

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